

Countries of origin are most strongly represented by the English-speaking nations; European nation source materials are being acquired. Complete files of major genealogical periodicals are held. Microfilmed holdings include the McCubbins Collection of material on Rowan County, North Carolina, with its card-file index, and complete Census Schedules of Population for the States east of the Mississippi River (New York State through 1830 only). There is a small map collection and a file of compiled but unpublished material.

The effective research range of the collection is increased by the resources of the general collection and by the extensive holdings of Federal and North Carolina State documents.

SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS

Service is offered to patrons who pursue their interests by visiting the Branch in person, by telephone consultation, and by letters of inquiry.

Patrons who visit the Branch are assisted in familiarizing themselves with the content, arrangement and special features of the collection and in the use of finding aids and special North Carolina titles.

Persons seeking information by mail should write concisely and ask specific questions. Letters requesting information should include such information as the family name with acceptable variant spellings, personal names when known, specific or probable place and dates of residence, probable religious affiliation and presumed nation of origin. An inquiry about a book or a periodical article should give an exact and complete citation whenever possible.

Patrons are asked to state in their initial letter whether or not they want and are prepared to pay for xeroxed material and to enclose a legal-size self-addressed envelope.

The volume of mail is such that patrons should not expect extensive research. Although staff time is limited, an attempt is made to verify a fact or to confirm the availability of information and to indicate its scope. The patron whose query involves extensive research is sent a list of genealogical researchers who work for fees.

SERVICES TO LIBRARIES

Libraries and their patrons are served through interlibrary loan and (within North Carolina) by telephone.

Loan Policy

Use of the collection need not be severely limited by the necessary restrictions on circulation.

Books held only within this Branch are not lent. For some titles copies are held in the Library's General Collection, and these may be borrowed on inter-library loan.